

# GUIDANCE AND PLACEMENT SERVICES DIGEST

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This Digest is used to transmit information pertaining to the four program components of the Missouri Comprehensive Guidance Program: Curriculum; Individual Planning; Responsive Services; and System Support to professional school counselors, placement personnel, career and technical school counselors and administrators at all levels throughout the state.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### **NEW STAFF FOR GUIDANCE AND PLACEMENT**

We are pleased to announce that Sarah Moore has accepted a position as Administrative Assistant with the Guidance and Placement Section. Her assistance will be greatly appreciated as we continue to strive to provide assistance to counselors throughout the state in their efforts to help students in achieving positive outcomes through implementation of comprehensive guidance programs. Her contact information is: Phone: 573-751-7966; E-mail: [sarah.moore@dese.mo.gov](mailto:sarah.moore@dese.mo.gov)

### **ABC'S AWARD APPLICATION NOW AVAILABLE**

The ABC's of Career Awareness and Exploration Awards Recognition Program, developed by the National Consortium for State Guidance Leadership (NCSGL) to recognize Exemplary Career Awareness and Exploration Programs for students at the elementary and middle grade levels, is seeking applications for the 07-08 school year. To see more information about the program and/or to access application forms, go to <http://www.guidanceconsortium.com/projects/TheABCAwardProgram.shtml>

## **PROGRAM COMPONENTS:**

**(From time to time, resources brought to our attention through various means that could be used as part of a guidance program will be listed here. The readers are encouraged to investigate the resources and decide whether or not they are appropriate for their programs. Listing of these resources does not constitute endorsement by either the Guidance and Placement Section or DESE.)**

### **{CURRICULUM}**

#### **MISSOURI EFFORTS RECOGNIZED**

We recently received an e-mail from another state about the lessons that have been placed on the Guidance E-Learning Center housed at the Missouri Center for Career Education. It mentioned that the lessons examined were user-friendly and did not require extensive materials. To check out the lessons for yourself, go to <http://missouricareereducation.org/curr/cmd/guidanceplacementG/elearning/>

### **{INDIVIDUAL PLANNING}**

#### **\* COLLEGE DAY AND NIGHT INFORMATION AVAILABLE.**

For those of you planning to attend a college day and night program, the Missouri Association of College Admissions Counselors (MOACAC) have a calendar that is available at <http://www.schoolweb.missouri.edu/msca/2007%20Docs/MOACACDayNight%20Cal0708.pdf>

#### **\* STUDY GIVES REASONS WHY STUDENTS MAY BE RELUCTANT TO TAKE ADVANCED SCIENCE AND MATH COURSES.**

A study from Public Agenda finds just 25% of Kansas/Missouri parents think their children should be studying more math and science; 70% think things "are fine as they are now." The report also explains why parents and students are so complacent in this area and what kinds of changes might be helpful in building more interest in and support for more rigorous MST courses. To see the full report, go to <http://publicagenda.org/importantbutnotforme/index.cfm>

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## **\*INFORMATION ON SUMMER ACADEMIES FOR GIFTED STUDENTS (FROM A LETTER SENT TO SUPERINTENDENTS DATE 5 SEPT, 2007):**

Timelines for the application process for the summer academies have been posted at: <http://dese.mo.gov/divimprove/gifted/combinedacademies/ApplicationTimelines.pdf>

It is crucial that the directions and deadlines of the forms be followed in order to select the most appropriate student(s) and to avoid disqualifying the school's nominee(s). All pages or components of the nomination forms must be included at the time they are submitted.

Please note that the deadlines for student nomination forms and faculty/staff application for the Missouri Fine Arts Academy are considerably earlier than the deadlines for the Missouri Scholars Academy. Because each student at the Missouri Fine Arts Academy is given applied lessons in his or her art form, the students must be selected early in the year so that appropriate faculty can be hired.

The 2008 Missouri Fine Arts Academy will be held on the campus of Missouri State University in Springfield on June 8-June 28, 2008. The 2008 Missouri Scholars Academy will be held on the campus of the University of Missouri in Columbia on June 8-June 28, 2008.

The timeline is intended as a guide for the staff members responsible for encouraging interested students to apply for the academies, take the necessary tests, and/or prepare a video or portfolio, as indicated. Note that the information regarding access to student nomination forms on the web for both Academies are mailed to district superintendents. Complete information about the nomination process will be included with the web access letter.

A letter explaining the process for accessing the Missouri Fine Arts Academy nomination forms on-line will be mailed in mid-September and the letter explaining the process for accessing the Missouri Scholars Academy nomination forms on-line will be mailed in mid- November

Brochures describing each Academy, as well as a flyer about each Academy entitled "What It Is," can be accessed on the Department web site at <http://dese.mo.gov/divimprove/gifted/index.html> . For further information, contact Gifted Education Programs at 573-751-2453.

## **\*FREE RESOURCE FOR COUNSELORS**

Mapping Your Future is offering the *Early Awareness E-News*, a free monthly e-mail newsletter for counselors and educators.

The purpose of this free newsletter is to provide personnel with college, career, and financial aid information, tips, and ideas as they work with middle school and high school students. In addition, the newsletter provides news about Mapping Your Future's services and events. To see more, visit the website at

<http://www.mapping-your-future.org/services/awarenessnews.htm>

## **{RESPONSIVE SERVICES}**

### **\*TEEN RETREAT SCHEDULED**

A Teen Retreat will be held in November for teens 13-17 who have a loved one in the Army National Guard, Army Reserves or Active Duty Army.

This teen retreat will be in Wyandotte County, KS, due to a teaming of Missouri and Kansas Operation: Military Kids groups for this event. Operation: Military Kids is a program run through the USDA Army Youth Development Project, a collaboration of the US Army Child and Youth Services and the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, US Department of Agriculture through Auburn University. Registration Deadline is October 1.

For more information or to obtain registration materials, contact Joan Zeller, 4-H Youth Development Programs Operation: Military Kids, University of Missouri Extension, Phone: 660-747-3193; E-mail: [zellerc@missouri.edu](mailto:zellerc@missouri.edu)

## **\*RESOURCE FOR CRITICAL INCIDENT RESPONSE**

The U.S. Department of Education (ED)'s Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools, in collaboration with ED's Emergency Response and Crisis Management (ERCM) Technical Assistance (TA) Center, has announced the release of new publications.

**ERCMExpress** newsletters present in-depth information and resources addressing key issues in school emergency management. Three new issues of the **ERCMExpress** are now available online:

*Coping with the Death of a Student or Staff Member*, (Volume 3, Issue 2, 2007) highlights the range of impact death can have on a school community; offers suggestions for responding to a loss; and discusses strategies for

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recovery. The latest edition is available now at

[http://ercm.ed.gov/views/documents/CopingW\\_Death\\_StudentOrStaff.pdf](http://ercm.ed.gov/views/documents/CopingW_Death_StudentOrStaff.pdf)

## **{SYSTEM SUPPORT}**

### **\* TRAINING OPPORTUNITY SCHEDULED (SIMILAR TRAINING WAS HELD IN MISSOURI TWO YEARS AGO BUT NONE IS CURRENTLY PLANNED IN MISSOURI)**

The Iowa Operation: Military Kids (OMK) initiative is partnering with the Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) to host a two day training, *Supporting the Children of the National Guard and Reserve Institute Training* to be held Tuesday, **October 23 and Wednesday, October 24, 2007. The training will be held at the U.S. Army Reserve Center at Fort Des Moines in Des Moines, Iowa.**

The purpose of this training opportunity is to help school staff and other service professionals recognize and respond to issues and problems facing the children of deployed servicemen and women.

Registration and a continental breakfast will begin at 8:00 A.M. each morning and the training will conclude by 4:30 both days. Lunch will be provided onsite during the training. **There is no cost to attend the training.** The **registration deadline is October 9, 2007** and individuals can register online at: <http://www.militarychild.org/Institutes.asp> Onsite registrations will not be accepted.

### **\* SHARE WITH TEACHERS: K-12 EDUCATIONAL TRIPS FUNDED**

The Target Field Trip Grants program, offered by the Target Corporation, will award grants to K-12 educators throughout the United States to fund field trips for their students. Grants of up to \$1,000 each will be provided to 1,600 teachers, principals, para-professionals, or classified staff employed by accredited K-12 public, private, or charter schools. Examples of eligible field trips include art, science, and cultural museum visits; environmental and science projects; and community service projects. Grants must be used for the proposed field trip between February 2008 and the end of the 2007-2008 school year. Online applications should be submitted by November 1, 2007. Visit <http://sites.target.com/site/en/corporate/page.jsp?contentId=PRD03-002537> for application instructions.

## **CONFERENCES/ WORKSHOPS OF NOTE:**

**A. THE MISSOURI MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS ASSOCIATION FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND MEETING** will be held on Nov. 1-3, 2007 at Tan-Tar-A. For more information, go to <http://www.mmhca.net/>

**B. THE MISSOURI SCHOOL COUNSELOR ASSOCIATION (MSCA) FALL CONFERENCE** will be held November 4-6, 2007 at Tan Tar A. A conference preview is posted at <http://schoolweb.missouri.edu/msca/ConferencePreview.pdf>.

**C. THE 14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BUILDING BRIDGES CONFERENCE** will be held November 11-13, 2007 at Tan Tar A. Conference information and the registration form are available at <http://www.missouricareereducation.org/>

**D. ASSOCIATION FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (ACTE) ANNUAL CONVENTION** will be held in Las Vegas NV on December 13-15, 2007. For information about the conference, go to <http://www.acteonline.org/convention/>

**E. MSCA SPRING CONFERENCE** will be held on March 7, 2008, at the Capital Plaza, Jefferson City, MO. To see updated information about this conference as it becomes available, go to <http://schoolweb.missouri.edu/msca/>

**F. 2008 MISSOURI ACT STATE ORGANIZATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE** will be held on March 12-13 2008 at the Holiday Inn Select in Columbia, Mo. For information about the conference and registration, go to [www.act.org/events](http://www.act.org/events)

**G. THE 32ND ANNUAL MISSOURI MIDDLE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (MMSA) CONFERENCE** will be held on March 14-16, 2008 at Tan-Tar-A Resort. For information, go to <http://www.mmsa-mo.org/conference.html>

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